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(b) It is not possible to say in which month the Bills will be introduced. The lines of amendment of the Madras Local Boards Act cannot be published at this stage. The draft Bill in respect of the Elementary Education Act has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, but its introduction will be deferred till the views of the District Educational Councils and District Boards, which have been called for on the Bill, are received and considered by Government.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b) may I know whether the amending Bill in respect of the Madras Local Boards Act is ready?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It is not yet ready."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Advisory Committee on Local Self-Government has been consulted in the matter of the amendment of the Local Boards Act?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"When the draft Bill is ready, it will be placed before the Committee."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know when the Bill will be ready?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I cannot say, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Elementary Education Act does not concern the municipalities and, if so, why they have not been consulted?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, it concerns the municipalities also and they will be also consulted."

Local Boards

Alleged deadlock in the administration of Kistna District Board.

* 1535 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, on account of the 18 nominations recently made by Government to the Kistna District Board, a party of 24 members hostile to the President (Dr. Rao) has been formed in the said Board under the leadership of the Zamindar of Mirzapuram;

(b) whether it is a fact that on one and the same day the said 24 members elected the Zamindar of Mirzapuram as the Vice-President of the said Board and another set of members elected Mr. M. Bapineedu, M.Sc., as the Vice-President;

(c) whether the Government have cancelled the said two elections;

(d) whether the President and some members of the Board have represented to the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government that a party hostile to the President has been formed with 24 members as the 18 nominations have all been made from among the partisans of the Zamindar of Mirzapuram and that a deadlock has been created in the administration thereby; and

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(e) whether the Government propose to take any steps to relieve the deadlock and to enable the President to carry on the administration smoothly?

A.—(a) & (d) The President, District Board, represented certain administrative difficulties arising out of recent nominations.

(b) & (c) Yes.

(e) The President, District Board, requested that three more nominations should be made to the District Board, in order to enable him to carry on the administration smoothly. The Government have complied with this request.

Constitution of Udipi into a municipality.

* 1536 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to my question No. 1014 answered on 1st November 1927 on the above subject and to state—

(a) whether the villagers outside the town of Udipi have been consulted as to the question whether that town ought to be constituted into a municipality or a union board; and

(b) whether in the memorials and representations received from some of the villagers stress has been laid on the point and whether Government have made enquiries on the point?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have not made any enquiries.

Registration

Appointment of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

* 1537 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any special qualifications have been fixed by any rules framed by the Government for the appointment of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies; and

(b) whether any Telugu man has ever been appointed (i) as a Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and (ii) as a personal assistant to the Inspector-General of Registration?

(a) No.

(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) No.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Resumption of temple inams.

* 1538 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have passed any orders ever since the Hindu Religious Endowments Act came into force, discouraging or stopping further resumption of temple inams; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken or contemplated to be taken, to recover all temple service inam lands that have been sold away and owing to the loss of which many temples are not able to maintain themselves?